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### Budapest Meeting Swings Into High Gear

Delegates from sixty four communist parties were present yesterday at the opening of the Budapest preparatory conference. Janos Kadar's welcoming followed predictable lines, calling for unity in the face of encroaching imperialism. Kadar did not speak to the Italian proposal that non-Communist progressives should share equally in the anti-imperialist struggle. Kadar also called for an "intensification" of aid to the DRV, a statement which lends some credence to the unconfirmed report that Ho Chi Minh addressed a request to the meeting in the form of a letter which was presented yesterday. According to the communique issued last night the delegates also elected a secretariat "to draft proposals to be discussed" and to set up a working agenda.

According to the Yugoslav Borba correspondent Rista Bajalski, the main points of conflict that are shaping up at the meeting are: the degree of publicity control which, Bajalski claims, has already delayed activities by half a day; the role of non-Communists in the "anti-imperialist struggle"; the handling of the Chinese schismatics; and the validity of the documents resulting from the 1957 and 1960 Moscow meetings.

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### Ulbricht Warns Czechs of New West German Maneuvers

During his short speech in Prague on 22 February, East German boss Walter Ulbricht warned his Czech hosts that West Germany is now using new tactics in an effort to extend its influence eastward. Bonn has failed to isolate the GDR by playing off the socialist countries against one another. Ulbricht stated, but it is now attempting to extend its influence over Eastern Europe by using "psychological intrusion and creating economic dependence." Bonn, moreover, attempts to cover its "psychological warfare" activities under the slogan of "detente." Ulbricht implicitly urged the socialist countries to join the GDR, in keeping with the "joint resolutions of Karlovy Vary," in checking "revanchist influences" in the FRG.

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COMMENT: Ulbricht's visit to Prague was the first opportunity he had had to personally size up Dubcek. The East Germans' earlier apparent sense of uneasiness about Dubcek was probably re-inforced by the Czech party leader's speech, particularly his remarks about wanting to strengthen cooperation among countries with different social systems. In singling out Bonn's alleged efforts to extend its influence in Eastern Europe through psychological and economic means, Ulbricht undoubtedly was indicating the areas in which he feels the Czechs may be susceptible to West German approaches. Ever since Rumania established relations with Bonn, the East Germans have been attempting to document a case that Bucharest has suffered economically because of its relations with Bonn.

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#### Polish Deputy Defense Minister Retired

On 26 February Defense Minister Spychalski bade a "solemn farewell" to "First" Deputy Defense Minister Bordzilowski, who was "leaving the Defense Ministry on his own request because he had reached retirement age." Bordzilowski was also thanked in a letter from the party leadership, and was received by Premier Cyrankiewicz.

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COMMENT: Rumors that the 67-year old Bordzilowski would leave the ministry, and perhaps eventually lose his central committee post as well, have been circulating in Warsaw for over a year. Previously he had been replaced in his post as chief training inspector on 8 February by his deputy, Maj. Gen. Tuczapski. (See Intelligencer, 13 Feb). Tuczapski, however, has since been identified in the Polish press only as "acting" training chief. This is another indication that further shifts within the ministry are likely.

Bordzilowski, a former Soviet officer and a strong "Moscow man," had been in charge of Polish forces committed to the Warsaw Pact. His departure leaves this critical post unfilled, and undoubtedly will contribute to speculation that replacement of Defense Minister Spychalski himself is in the offing.

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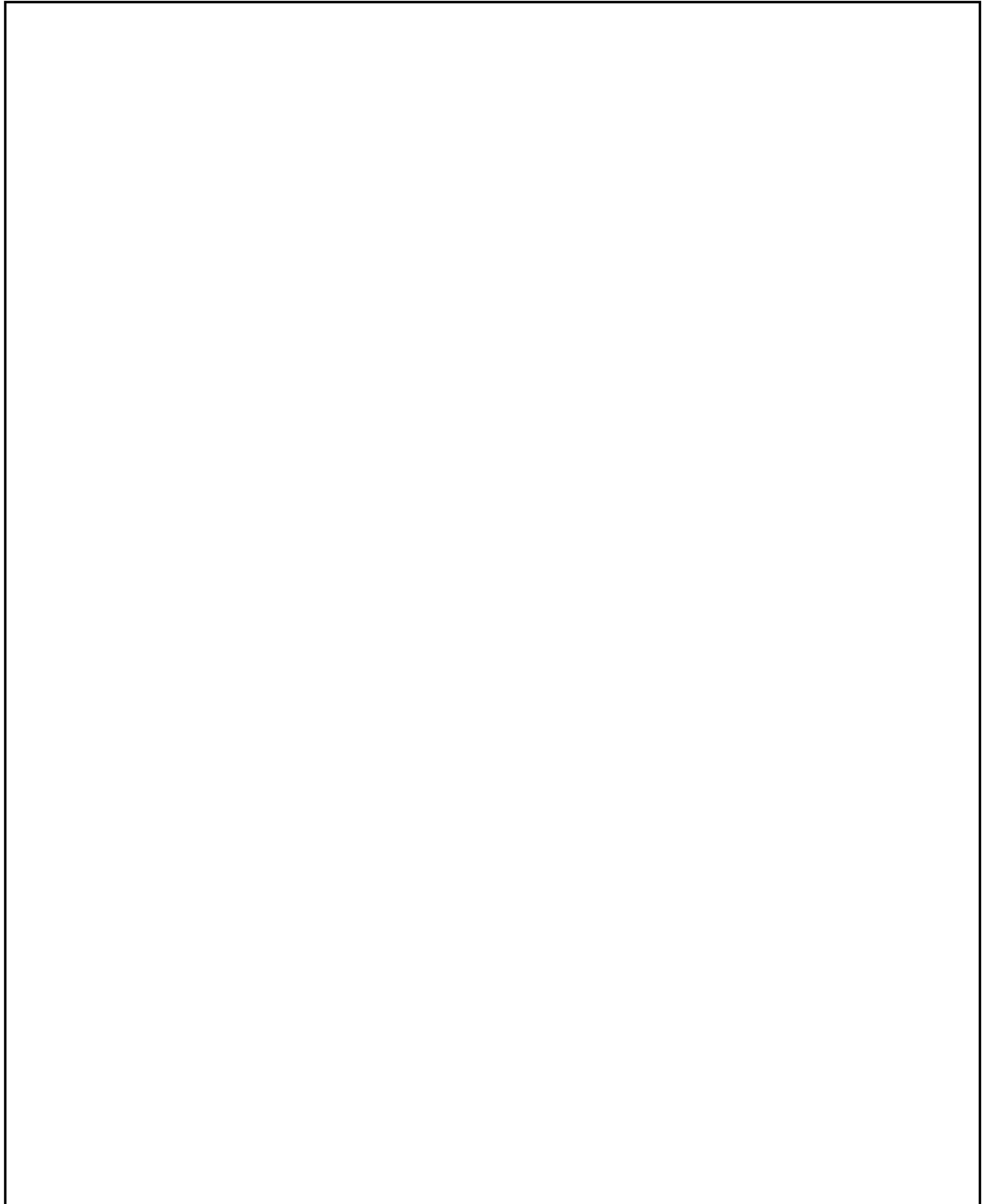
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### Polish Party Plenum Opens

The 11th PZPR plenum was opened on 27 February by party boss Gomulka, and immediately took up the first item on the agenda, "topical problems of foreign trade." The only other announced agenda item is the setting of a date for the party congress this year.

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COMMENT: The meeting undoubtedly will take up other issues, such as the mounting frictions between the regime and intellectual community. It appears unlikely, however, that any of the rumored high-level personnel shifts will be discussed at this time, since the plenum is not being attended by at least two major figures in the leadership. Politburo member Loga-Sowinski and candidate politburo member and deputy premier Jaroszewicz are both in Moscow attending a Soviet trade union congress and a CEMA executive session respectively. The most likely date for the congress is November or December.

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